

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jon Tester
Chairman
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
412 Russel Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
412 Russel Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Takano
Chairman
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
335 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Bost
Ranking Member
House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
335 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Tester, Chairman Takano, Ranking Member Moran, Ranking Member Bost,

We write to request your support to name the new Aurora VA community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) after Lieutenant Colonel John Mosley. He was a Denver native who lived in Aurora, was a Tuskegee Airman, civil rights activist, and the first Black football player at Colorado State University.

Lieutenant Colonel John Mosley was born the son of a slave. He was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Manual High School and attended a segregated Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University) on an academic scholarship, becoming his class Vice President and the first African American to play on its football team.

During World War II, he joined the famed Tuskegee Airmen and trained as a bomber pilot, serving as one of the first African Americans in that role. He earned the flight qualification of Command Pilot during his service in the United States Air Force. He piloted bombing missions over Europe and North Africa. The brave service of the Tuskegee Airmen helped pave the way for integration of the armed services.

Lieutenant Colonel John Mosley went on to fight in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He became special assistant to the undersecretary in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington, D.C. before returning to Colorado. After his retirement, Lieutenant Colonel John

Mosley and his wife Edna continued to serve Colorado—Edna as Aurora City Council Woman--advocating for racial equality, women's rights, veterans' affairs, housing, and education.

We would be grateful for your support in this effort and hope the Senate and House Committees on Veterans Affairs will give it their consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jason Crow
Member of Congress



Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress



Ken Buck
Member of Congress



Diana DeGette
Member of Congress



Joe Neguse
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Lauren Boebert
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Michael F. Bennet
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